CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A method for securing a plaintext object within a set top box, the method comprising steps of:

    receiving a secure portion of a secure object;

    receiving a plaintext remainder of the secure object;

    determining which portion of the secure object is the secure portion;

    decrypting the secure portion to provide a plaintext portion;

    forming the plaintext object that comprises the plaintext portion and the plaintext remainder; and

    storing the plaintext object.

2. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set-top, box as recited in claim 1, further comprising steps of:

    selecting a secure portion of the plaintext object to encrypt;

    encrypting the secure portion;

    sending the secure portion and a plaintext remainder to a set top box; and

    providing a key that is used in decryption of the secure portion.

3. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of reporting purchase of the plaintext object a point away from the set top box.

4. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box as recited in claim 3, wherein the second listed receiving step is performed before the reporting step.

5. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the decrypting step comprises a step of decrypting the secure portion with an access control processor.

6. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the set top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the secure portion is less than one-half the size of the secure object.

7. (Previously presented) A method for securing a plaintext object within a conditional access system, the method comprising steps of:

      selecting a secure portion of the plaintext object to encrypt;

      encrypting the secure portion;

      sending the secure portion of the plaintext object to a set top box;

      sending a plaintext remainder of the plaintext object to the set top box; and

      providing a key to the set top box wherein the key is used in decryption of the secure portion.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of determining the secure portion wherein removal of the secure portion from the plaintext object renders the plaintext object inoperable.

12. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of changing authorization of the set top box from a point remote to the set top box.

13. (Previously presented) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, further comprising a step of receiving purchase information from the set top box at a location remote to the set top box.

14. (Original) The method for securing the plaintext object within the conditional access system as recited in claim 7, wherein the key is a symmetric key.